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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: BOTH SPD AND CDU PARTY SPOKESMEN
HAVE MADE STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF THE REPEATED
FAILURE TO REACH ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISES AT THE LOS
CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. THE OPPOSITION CDU STATEMENT
WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF THE CONFERENCE'S
FAILURE TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF THE GEOGRAPHICALLY
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DISADVANTAGED STATES AS WELL AS PARTICULAR
NEGOTIATING TACTICS OF THE GERMAN DELEGATION. BOTH
CDU AND SPD EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION AT THE OUTCOME
ON DEEP SEA MINING, ALTHOUGH THE SPD SPOKESMAN
INDICATED SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. HE HINTED
THAT FUTURE THINKING MIGHT NOW APPROPRIATELY
BE SWITCHED TO BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS

TO THE SEABED MINING PROBLEM. END SUMMARY

2. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE STATEMENTS
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. HORST GRUNENBERG, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPD WORKING
GROUP ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

AFTER A TWO-MONTHS NEGOTIATION PHASE, THE 3RD UN LOS
CONFERENCE RECESSED ITS 7TH SESSION UNTIL AUGUST.
THIS "PAUSE FOR REFLECTION" IS CERTAINLY NEEDED,
IF THE CURRENT SESSION IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN
FINDING SOLUTIONS ON RULES AND REGIMES WHICH TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS
OF STATES. THE INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED
ON IN GENEVA IN SEPARATE COMMITTEES DID RESULT IN
PROGRESS ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, BUT SATISFACTORY
SOLUTIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FOUND IN A NUMBER OF
IMPORTANT FIELDS, ESPECIALLY

- THE REGIME FOR EXPLOITATION OF THE DEEP SEA
RESOURCES AND ACCESS FOR DEEP SEA MINING,
- THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONES,
- THE ACCESS FOR INLAND AND GEOGRAPHICALLY
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DISADVANTAGED STATES TO THE LIVING RESOURCES
OF THE ECONOMIC ZONES,

- THE DEMARCATION OF THE OCEAN ZONES BETWEEN
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, AND
- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUTER BORDERS FOR THE
CONTINENTAL SHELF.

IN ALMOST ALL CASES, HOWEVER, THE NEWLY WORKED OUT
TEXTS CAN BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING MADE PROGRESS
IN COMPARISON WITH THE ICNT, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED
AT THE END OF THE LAST SESSION, AND REPRESENT A
BASIS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.

DESPITE AN ENCOURAGING START THE CONFERENCE DID
NOT SUCCEED IN REACHING A BREAK-THROUGH IN THE
IMPORTANT FIELD OF DEEP SEA MINING. IT WAS
POSSIBLE TO AGREE TO A PARALLEL SYSTEM WHICH
PERMITS ACCESS TO DEEP SEA MINING NOT ONLY FOR THE
PLANNED INTERNATIONAL DEEP SEA AUTHORITY BUT ALSO
FOR INDIVIDUAL STATES AND THEIR PRIVATE COMPANIES.

HOWEVER, THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR THE
COMPOSITION AND THE VOTING RIGHTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL OF THE AUTHORITY, THE FINANCING OF ITS
MINING COMPANY AND THE TERMS FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

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ARE STILL TOO IMBALANCED TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO US
AND TO OTHER COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN DEEP SEA
MINING.

DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS LIE AHEAD IN THIS FIELD,
WHICH WILL NOT BE SIMPLIFIED BY THE ATTEMPT OF
SOME LDCS TO INSERT THEIR IDEAS ON THE NEW WORLD
ECONOMIC ORDER. ONE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE GOOD
WILL OF MOST COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MOST LDCS, WILL
WIN THROUGH SO THAT COMPROMISES AND ECONOMICALLY
JUSTIFIABLE SOLUTIONS CAN BE REACHED. IT HAS NOW
BECOME CLEAR THAT FOR THE FUTURE WE MUST REVISE

OUR THINKING TO INCLUDE NEW "UNCONVENTIONAL
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SOLUTIONS" TO LOS PROBLEMS, POSSIBLY ON A BILATERAL
AND REGIONAL AGREEMENTS BASIS.

B. DR. KARL-HEINZ NARJES, FOREIGN ECONOMIC SPOKESMAN
OF THE CDU

THE PARLIAMENTARY PARTY OF THE CDU/CSU DEPLORES
THE FACT THAT THE 7TH SESSION OF THE 3RD UN LOS
CONFERENCE TOO HAS ENDED WITHOUT RESULT.

IN THE COURSE OF THE 7TH SESSION IT HAS ONCE AGAIN
BEEN CONFIRMED TO WHAT EXTENT THE INTERESTS OF
GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNTRIES -- INCLUDING
THE FRG -- ARE IGNORED BY THE MAJORITY. AS BEFORE,
THEY ARE EXPECTED WITHOUT RECOMPENSE TO AGREE TO
FAR REACHING LIMITATIONS OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL
RIGHT OF ACCESS AND UTILIZATION OF SEAS (WHICH
IS WHAT FREEDOM OF THE SEAS MEANS) WITHOUT PEACE
BECOMING ANY MORE SECURE FOR ALL THAT. THE DANGER
OF ABUSE OF THE NEWLY INSTITUTED ECONOMIC ZONE
CONTINUES TO BE AS GREAT AS BEFORE.

THE HASTY AGREEMENT BY THE FRG TO THE EXTENSION OF
RIGHTS OVER THE 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE SHOULD BE
WITHDRAWN, UNTIL SATISFACTORY FISHING RIGHTS HAVE
BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH THE STATES BENEFITTING FROM
IT AND PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE EC.

DEEP SEA MINING REMAINS A CENTRAL POINT OF DISPUTE.
ONCE AGAIN IT HAS BEEN SHOWN THAT THERE EXISTS NO
BASIS FOR COMPROMISE IN THE DISCUSSION. THE COUNTRIES
INTERESTED IN SUCH MINING CANNOT LET THEMSELVES
BE PUT OFF FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. THEY MUST
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NOW DETERMINE THAT PAST PRACTICE OF FREE ACCESS
TO DEEP SEA MINERALS WILL REMAIN IN FORCE, UNLESS
NEW REGULATIONS ARE AGREED TO.

LAST MARCH, THE PARLIAMENTARY PARTY OF THE CDU/CSU
SUBMITTED ITS DRAFT FOR AN APPROPRIATE PROVISIONAL
GERMAN LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEA MINING TO THE SPD
AND FDP PARTY CAUCUSES, REQUESTING THEIR APPROVAL.

DELIBERATIONS ON THIS SHOULD NOW BE BROUGHT TO A
CONCLUSION.

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